

In the Description:

Please amend the following paragraphs of the Description, which are labeled by the paragraph numbers reported in the Patent Application Publication 20040184260:

[0001] This application is a continuation in part of U.S. Pat. No. 6,499,855 B1 and Patent Pending Ser. No. 10/139,582 entitled Multi-Functional Law Enforcement Tool Filed May 3, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 7,004,597, herein incorporated by reference.

[0003] This invention relates generally to law enforcement and security personnel. More specifically, this invention relates to different combinations of a flashlight, deterrent spray, stun gun, deterrent spray stun (for example, Taser™) taser, glass breaker, I.D. holder and numerous non lethal and tactical cartridge capabilities and an orthogonal handle.

[0008] Still, there is a need for a compact but effective multifunctional law enforcement tool with a flashlight, stun gun, deterrent spray, glass breaker, I.D. holder, deterrent spray stun taser with multiple non lethal and tactical cartridge housings. This invention will address the needs of law enforcement and security personnel.

[0009] The invention is a multifunctional law enforcement tool that may serve an officers need to have various features and options quickly at hand, while keeping the officers gun hand free. In one embodiment, the invention comprising a flashlight, deterrent spray, stun gun, glass breaker, I.D. holder, deterrent spray stun taser with cartridge housings for all non lethal and tactical cartridges with an orthogonal handle. In another embodiment, the cartridge housings are removed thus making a smaller, lighter and more concealable unit.

[0010] The invented multifunctional law enforcement tool allows several important devices to be easily at hand for law enforcement and security personnel in a single unit. By having all the tools combined into one unit this leaves the users gun hand always free. Also, the invented multifunctional tool places both offensive and defensive tools together in the users hands along with the flashlight. Having all the commonly used tools ready immediately, greatly increases an officers options when dealing with the uncertainties of a suspects behavior. The officers may approach a suspect with the invented multifunctional tool in one hand, and his other hand ready at his gun, an may respond to a suspects behavior as appropriate. The user need not whisk out a stun taser gun, pepper spray can, stun gun or any other tool that he may need. These actions may be threatening and confrontational and may escalate the situation. Instead, he can hold and use the multifunctional law enforcement tool as a flashlight, which is a non threatening action, while having the other defensive and offensive tools ready for use. Thus, the invented combinations allow the user to be more in control of the situation, and ready for many turn of events.

[0011] Another object of the invented multifunctional law enforcement tool is to eliminate the need of several different objects (spray, stun gun, ~~taser~~, flashlight, glass breaker, etc.), to be clipped separately onto an officers belt. This eliminates the "clutter" of the separate objects, and reduces total weight because the invention may weigh significantly less by about 2 or 3 pounds, than the total of the separate objects. Also, for a female officer with a small waist, it is difficult to position the separate objects around her belt.

[0022] Referring to the figures, these are depicted several but not all, embodiments of the present invention, which is a multifunctional law enforcement tool. In the following description of the preferred embodiment, the term proximal refers to the end containing the flashlight, stun gun and deterrent spray stun taser. Because of the typical use of the invention with the flashlight pointing "Forward" from the user, the flashlight end is also "Forward" direction and the I.D. holder, actuator button, and switches will be referred to as the "Rearward" direction. The glass breaker located at the "Bottom" of the handle will be referred to as the "Bottom" direction.

[0028]. In FIG. 7, 4 position switch 108 controls laser sights 20 and 12 of FIG. 3. When turned from "off" position 62 to position 63 of FIG. 7, the laser sights 20 and 12 will be activated to align the target. First position 63 or the D.S.T. mode permits electrical current to activate stun gun contact 28 of FIG. 6, which is affixed to the underside of deterrent spray actuator button 2 of FIG. 6, if pushed in a downward manner by the user. By activating position 63 of FIG. 7, the user may now effectively push down deterrent spray actuator button 2 of FIG. 1 and simultaneously activate the stun gun and deterrent spray modes by doing this the user has activated the D.S.T. feature. The D.S.T. feature is a bi-product of the stun gun high voltage arc and the two high pressure deterrent spray streams. The high voltage arc which normally occurs between stun gun probes 8 and 21 of FIG. 3 is intercepted by the conductive deterrent spray stream as they exit the deterrent spray exit ports 22 and 9 of FIG. 3. This combination propels an exposed high voltage arc along two high pressure straight lines of deterrent spray, in much the same way stun ~~taser~~ guns shoot two metal darts with conductive wire at a target. The suspects body completes the circuit between the two streams of deterrent spray and high voltage arc causing a neuromuscular disruption. The microprocessor 107 of FIG. 1 and accompanying electronics provide a pulse of electrical energy which may last as long but not limited to 5 seconds. The user must continue to manually hold down the deterrent spray button 2 of FIG. 1 or the high voltage arc will be ineffective as D.S.T but still effective as a stun gun.

[0029] By combining the effectiveness of a deterrent spray and a high voltage stun ~~taser~~ will make for an extremely effective non lethal solution. The D.S.T., because of its teatherless nature may be more effective against multiple suspects. People wearing heaving clothing may be shot in the face by the D.S.T. but not by current stun ~~taser~~ guns. The D.S.T. dual laser sights 20 and 12 of FIG. 3 make it easy to point and shoot.